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- 1. EMBASSY HAS GIVEN ASSURANCE THAT GOP HAS APPROVED PARTICIPATION JUSTICE JAVID IQBAL IN IVP AND WRITTEN CONFIRMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING TOMMORROW.
- 2. CAO GRAT/ LAHORE DISCUSSED WITH JUSTICE IQBAL PREFERENCES FOR PROGRAM WHILE IN U. S. AMONG ACTIVITIES, BESIDES IQBAL CELEBRATIONS, HE WANTS TO MEET WITH SUPREME COURT JUSTICES OF STATES, FEELING THAT WORK LEVEL THESE JUSTICES SIMILAR TO HIS. ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MEET SOME ACADEMIC PEOPLE, PROBABLY IN LAW FACULTIES, AND SOME IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY SPECIALISTS IN SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AND SUBCONTINENT. WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS U. S. POLICIES TOWARDS CHINA WITH OFFICIALS IN DEPARTMENT.
- 3. JUSTICE TOLD GRAY HE CANNOT RPT CANNOT ARRIVE IN U. S. PRIOR TO 16 APRIL AND UNDERSTOOD HE WAS TO LECTURE ON 17 APRIL.
- 4. EMBASSY WAS CONCERNED TO LEARN THAT DR. HAFEEZ MALIK HAD WRITTEN TO JUSTICE IQBAL TELLING HIM THAT GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS INSTITUTE WAS ARRANGING A SERIES OF LECTURES WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL FOCUS ON PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH U.S. JUSTICE IQBAL TOLD GRAY HE WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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PREPARED TO LECTURE ONCE/ DAY AT UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER FORUMS.

- 5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS LECTURING ACTIVITY MOST INAPPROPRIATE FOR IVP GRANTEE AND QUESTIONS ADVISABILITY HAVING IQBAL APPEAR ON ANY PROGRAM OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY PART OF IQBAL CELEBRATION. FOR HIM TO TRAVEL UNDER IVP SPONSORSHIP TO VARIOUSABITS, THAT THERE NOT SO MUCH AS THREE INCH LONG KNIFE AMONG THEM. RATHER, HE CHARGED, AUDIENCE WAS ATTACKED WITH MORTARS, STEN GUNS, AND RIFLES BEFORE MEETING STARTED.
- 3. LAWYER OMAR KASURI, SON OF FORMER CENTRAL LAW MINISTER MAHMUD ALI KASURI, TOLD CG MARCH 26 THAT HE AND FATHER WERE IN RAWALPINDI JUST PRIOR TO TROUBLE AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED FIRINGS WITH PIR PAGARO, WALI KHAN, AND OTHER UDF FIGURES. PAGARO TOLD KASURIS GOVERNOR KHAR CALLED HIM LATE IN MORNING 23 RD AND SUGGESTED PIR NOT RPT NOT ATTEND FUNCTION SINCE TROUBLE WAS EXPECTED. WHEN PAGARO REFUSED, KHAR URGED THAT HE AT LEAST ARRIVE LATE. PAGARO WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT FIRINGS AND TOLD KASURIS PPP TOUGHS CLEARLY RESPONSIBLE FOR STARTING TROUBLES BUT NEW FEDERAL POLICE, PRESENT FOR FIRST TIME AT SUCH FUNCTION, CAUSED GREATER NUMBER OF DEATHS AND INJURIES BY INDISCRIMINATE VIOLENCE INCLUDING FIRING AND USE OF WHAT PAGARO THOUGHT WERE INCENDIARY MORTARS.
- 4. YOUNG KASURI SAID HE, HIS FATHER, OPPOSITION LEADERS AND PPP DISSIDENTS WERE AT LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT BHUTTO IS AIMING FOR. FOR FIRST TIME, HE SAID, THIS GROUP GENUINELY FEARS BHUTTO HAS DECIDED TO ALLOW NO RPT NO REAL OPPOSITION ACTIVITY. HE WAS UNABLE TO EXPLAIN OTHERWISE WHY BHUTTO WOULD (AS KASURI IS CONVINCED) ALOW PPP TOUGHS TO DISRUPT MEETING IN VIOLENT MANNER WHEN IT APPEARED TO UDF THAT COMPROMISE UNDERSTANDING WAS ABOUT TO BE REACHED ON CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES. BHUTTO'S ACTIONS, KASURI SAID, MADE BOYCOTT INEVITABLE. IN REPLY TO MY QUESTION, KASURI SAID UDF KNEW PAGARO NOT TRUE NATIONAL FIGURE BUT HE APPOINTED UDF BECAUSE BHUTTO WAS QUITE LITERALLY AFRAID OF HIM.
- 5. COMMENT: RAWALPINDI FIRING INCIDENT, COMING SO SOON AFTER IRAQI EMBASSY ARMS SCANDAL, APPEARS TO HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCOURAGED OPPOSITION, BUT THEY APPARENTLY STRONGLY DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THEIR FIGHT FOR COMPROMISE ON CONSTITUTION. KASURI HAS PROVED TO BE A RELIABLE SOURCE IN THE PAST, BOTH ON PPP AFFAIRS BEFORE HIS FATHER WENT INTO THE OPPOSITON, AND ON OPPOSITON SINCE THEN. ON HIS STATEMENT THAT OPPOSITION FOR FIRST TIME REALLY FEARED BHUTTO'S INTENTIONS, HOWEVER, MANY MEMBERS OF OPPOSITION HAVE BEEN TELLING US FOR SOME MONTHS THAT THEY FEARED BHUTTO INTENDED TO ESTABLISH DICTATORSHIP.

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